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## Meet the Beast, Our New Bookmobile

As of September 6, 2016, the Utah State Library Bookmobile program is excited to have this new RV vehicle in service. Nicknamed “the Beast,” this new vehicle will serve the Multi-County area headquartered in Panguitch (Utah), providing service to Garfield and Kane Counties.

The new bookmobile is approximately 312 square feet in the library portion with a 10 horsepower gas engine. New safety features include a back up camera and blind spot warnings when the turn signal is activated.

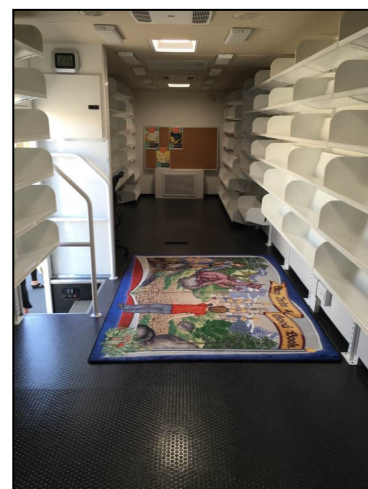
Officially, the Utah State Library Bookmobile program leases the bookmobiles from the State Fleet Department. Bookmobiles are unique because Fleet owns the chassis and the Utah State Library and Bookmobile Program owns the box portion which functions as a library. When a truck reaches 180,000 miles, Fleet calls it home and USL gets a new vehicle. After a two-year process, with many departments and



key people involved, this new truck is finally joining the Bookmobile program.

In FY2016, the Bookmobiles collectively checked out 409,083 items to more than 31,000 Utahns. Altogether, the Bookmobile trucks drive nearly 95,000 miles each year, an average between 500 and 1500 per month.

Six of the eight trucks serve more than one county, and some drive many more miles each week than others in order to reach the rural and more sparsely populated areas of Utah.



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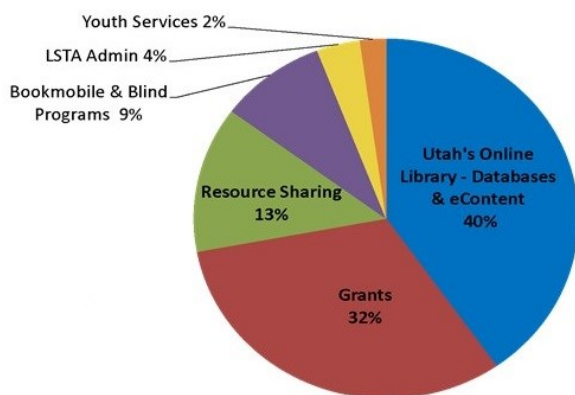
# LSTA Expenditures in Utah

By Donna Jones Morris, State Librarian

Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) funds are used to meet the needs of Utah library patrons. The funds come from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and are allocated to every state library that meets all federal spending and reporting guidelines. Utah has received almost \$1,750,000 per year, for a total of \$6,995,878 in the last four years.

## LSTA Expenditures

Past Four Years = \$6,995,878



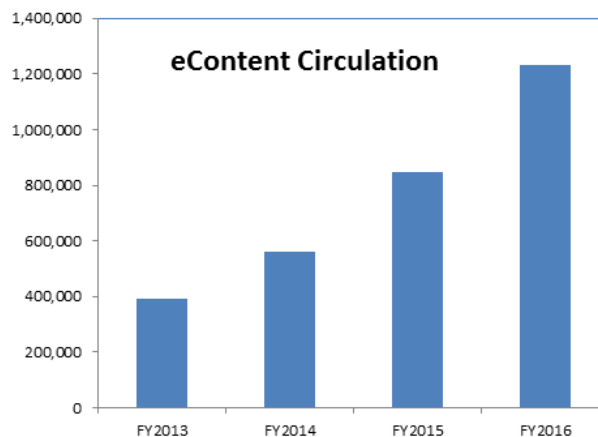
2015 - 2016 expenditures as of 8/30/2016. LSTA federal fiscal year is October 1 - September 30.

The LSTA budget is planned based on the "[Utah State Library \(USL\)-Library Services and Technology Act Plan 2013-2017](#)." Every five years the Utah State Library has the responsibility of evaluating LSTA expenditures and developing a new LSTA Plan. Library staff from around the state will be involved in the evaluation process starting this fall.

USL has hired the independent evaluator QualityMetrics, to determine how Utah libraries using LSTA expenditures followed the current 2013-17 plan and if the funds have helped Utah libraries meet the needs of library patrons. QualityMetrics will then write a formal evaluation of the past five years of Utah LSTA expenditures and develop a new Utah LSTA plan for 2018-2022. Please take the time to complete LSTA surveys or evaluation discussions as requested.

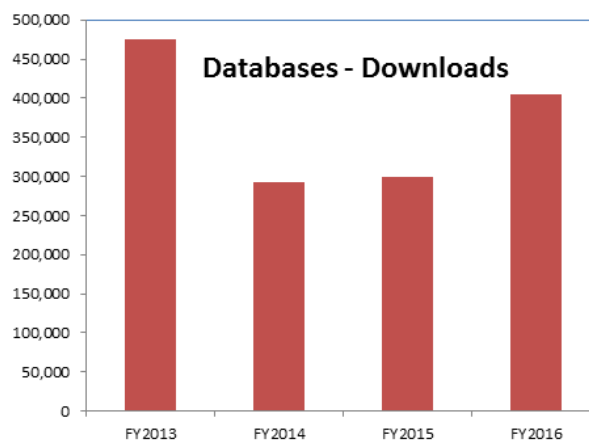
Learn more about LSTA in Utah: [library.utah.gov/lsta](http://library.utah.gov/lsta)

This year's Library Services and Technology Award (LSTA) competitive grant round recently came to a close. Out of the 31 applications received, 12 libraries received LSTA funds totaling \$223,459. Separately, the Department of Heritage and Arts generously elected to fund 4 digitization projects totaling \$43,343. See the press release at [bit.ly/2bJx0wz](http://bit.ly/2bJx0wz).



Current LSTA plan priorities include:

1. Pioneer - now Utah's Online Library - includes databases and downloadable eContent
2. Various projects and one-time grants
3. Training staff members in Utah libraries to increase usage of Utah's Online Library
4. Exploding population growth means statewide services need to be supported



# Utah's Online Library

## **We're Turning 21!**

Utah's Online Library (UOL) is coming of age. Sporting a new name and logo, it is now time to publicize and promote ourselves to Utah's libraries and patrons.

*New Website:* Our new responsive website will be live by Monday, October 3. Watch for more information: [onlinelibrary.utah.gov](http://onlinelibrary.utah.gov).

*Marketing Materials:* We have a brochure, pens and other advertising materials available for all public libraries. An order page will be set up soon so that you can select the materials you want for your library.

*Resource of the Month:* This new series will focus on one database or resource per month to provide a focused experience for libraries and their patrons. We will host a free webinar for libraries and library workers on the chosen resource so that you will be prepared to help your patrons. Additionally, we will market our Resource of the Month on social media and our website.

October's Resource of the Month will be the EBSCO Explora database. In November, the Resource of the Month will be OverDrive and December will review TOPICsearch.

Please refer to the [Resource of the Month Training page](#) for dates and times.

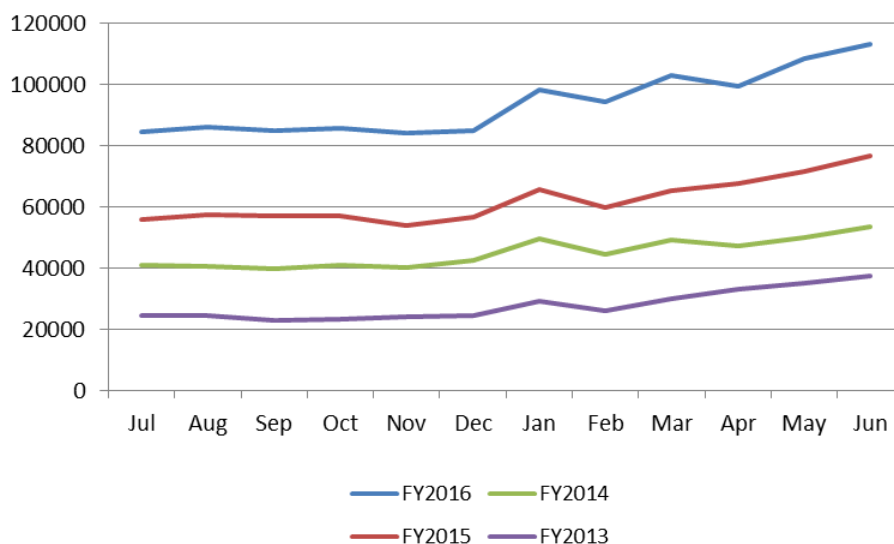
Thank you to all our public libraries and patrons for making Utah's Online Library such a success! We are looking forward to the next 21 years.



## **OverDrive Circulation Tops 1 Million**

Utah's Online Library's OverDrive surpassed one million checkouts for FY2016—all while only allowing users to borrow 5 titles at a time. UOL's OverDrive is 1 of only 12 consortiums in the nation to surpass the one million milestone in the past year. For FY2016, we circulated 1,127,746 titles. Our collection served all the public libraries and bookmobiles in the state except Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City and Murray. On August 29, 2016, Davis County Library moved to their own OverDrive Platform. Congratulations, Davis County!

## **OverDrive Circulation: Fiscal Year Comparison**





## Upcoming Webinars

### Discovering Possibilities in Every Encounter

Presented by Marie Radford

Tuesday, Sept. 27 - 2 PM to 3 PM, Webinar

This interactive workshop is designed for those seeking to refresh their reference skills and become comfortable helping library users at a service desk. In this workshop, participants will learn practical strategies for managing service desks, boost their confidence, provide a high level of service to all library users, and recognize and avoid potential problem situations.

Marie Radford, Ph.D. is a professor and director of Communication, Information and Library Studies Ph.D program at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

### Coaching Employees for Success

Presented by Linda Bruno

Thursday, Sept. 29 - 10 AM to 11 AM, Webinar

What comes to mind when you think of the word “coach?” It’s likely that you’ll think of words like encourage, teach, help, develop, grow, train, instruct, mentor, and advise. Employee success doesn’t just happen though. It takes someone coming alongside to coach and mentor employees to give them the best chance for succeeding.

In this fast-paced one-hour session, discussion will include how a good coach can encourage employees to move forward to accomplish a job well done.

To register for Workshops & Trainings:

[library.utah.gov/workshops](http://library.utah.gov/workshops)

To access live webinars:

[stateofutah.adobeconnect.com/usltraining](http://stateofutah.adobeconnect.com/usltraining)

To view archived webinars:

[library.utah.gov/webinars](http://library.utah.gov/webinars)

A graphic for the 'Book Your Summer' sweepstakes. It features a central illustration of a bookshelf with books titled 'PREPARE', 'SUCCEED & Save.', 'CHANGE', 'THE World', 'STEP UP UTAH', and 'DEVOUR BOOKS'. To the left is a night sky with a moon and stars. To the right is a green dragon. Below the books is a purple banner that says 'Book Your Summer' and 'You could win a \$1,000 scholarship'. At the bottom right are logos for 'Utah State Library' and 'Utah Educational Savings Plan'. Text at the bottom of the graphic reads: 'Congratulations to the Logan, Salt Lake City, Saratoga Springs, and Washington County libraries, that each won \$500 through the Book Your Summer Sweepstakes! Over 3200 kids participated, and we hope to have even more next summer!'A graphic for the Utah Library Association's 2016 Annual Fall Workshop. It has a white background with a border of colorful autumn leaves. At the top left is the Utah Library Association logo, which is a stylized 'U' with an open book inside. To the right of the logo is the text 'Utah Library Association'. Below this, the text reads: '2016 Annual ULA Fall Workshop', '30 September 2016', '“Libraries: Archway to the Future”', and 'Grand County Library / Moab, Utah'. Further down, it lists 'Special Speakers: Donna Jones Morris, State Librarian' and 'Roy D. Webb, Multimedia Archivist at Marriott Library'. At the bottom, it says 'Register now:' followed by the URL '[ula.org/fall-workshop-2016](http://ula.org/fall-workshop-2016)'.

# Resource of the Month Training

## October - EBSCO Explora Database Training

Thursday, Oct. 13 - 10 AM to 11 AM

Designed with public library patrons in mind, Explora provides easy-to-use features and reliable content from the world's leading magazines and reference books. Join us to learn more about this helpful database.

To join this online training session, go to [bit.ly/2bR8vrX](http://bit.ly/2bR8vrX). Please note: this webinar is hosted by EBSCO, not the Utah State Library. You may need to disable your pop-up-blocker to enter.

## November - Overdrive

Thursday, Oct. 27 - 10 AM to 11 AM, Webinar

November's featured resource is OverDrive. OverDrive contains something for everyone including best-selling authors, new release titles, classics, children's and YA titles. Join us to learn the ins and outs of this database and how to download eBook and eAudiobook titles directly onto your devices through the OverDrive app.

## December - TOPICsearch

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - 10 AM to 10:30 AM, Webinar

For December, the resource of the month is going to be TOPICsearch™. This current events database allows researchers to explore social, political & economic issues, scientific discoveries and other popular topics discussed in today's classrooms. TOPICsearch™ contains full text for over 140,000 articles from nearly 260 diverse sources including international newspapers, EBSCO's collection of periodicals, biographies, public opinion polls, book reviews, pamphlets, and government information.

## Utah Government Digital Library

The [Utah Government Digital Library](#) (UGDL) has a variety of collections and series in different formats, including videos and posters. If, for example, you have a patron looking for something visual to help celebrate the National Park Service's 100th anniversary, have you seen our growing collection of [U.S. National Park Service posters](#)? What about our [U.S. National Park Service videos](#)?

Still interested in history but on a more local scale? Try the [Utah State Fair Special Event Books](#) or [Salt Lake City History Minutes](#) series. Other great poster collections include the [NASA Mars Explorers Wanted posters](#).

Current events are very important, too, which is why we've recently added the [Utah Algal Bloom of 2016](#) series. The collection contains news releases and other information regarding this natural event.



The UGDL has recently added several items to the [Books for the Blind and Disabled in Braille](#) collection. Publications include issues of the *See Note Newsletter* from the Utah State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. To access the braille publications, the patron will need to download the Web-Braille electronic file to a portable braille reading device or can be read offline using software packages such as Duxbury Braille Translator or Megadots or embossing with a braille display, braille-aware notetaker or braille embosser.

Check out this awesome resource today!

## 2016 Library Certification

Congratulations to the 59 libraries who achieved library certification in 2016.

In order to be a certified public library in Utah, libraries must meet 18 standards and be above the 10th percentile in 6 out of 11 key statistical benchmarks.

In addition, 5 libraries were awarded a Quality designation during this year's certification process. To achieve Quality designation, a library must meet 5 out of 8 quality measures, including special outreach to under-served populations, technology training courses for the public, and active engagement with community partners to provide innovative programs. Quality libraries do not have to complete the certification process the following year.

Libraries who achieved Quality Status in 2016:

- Cedar City
- North Logan
- Park City
- Springville
- Summit County

They join 2015's Quality Libraries:

- Garland
- Hyrum City
- Mt. Pleasant
- Murray
- Richfield
- Tooele

Certified libraries are eligible to receive Community Library Enhancement Fund (CLEF) monies from the Utah State Library Division.

**Don't forget: Final CLEF Report is due September 18!**

In 2017, a new standard has been added for basic building maintenance. Tracking wireless internet usage has been added as a new benchmark.

## Announcing the 2017 Summer Reading Themes!



## Public Libraries across Utah celebrate popular culture

The State Library, in collaboration with Salt Lake Comic Con, distributed over 1,000 tickets throughout Utah for library patrons to attend the popular culture event on September 1, 2016. The tickets, with a face value of \$25 each, were donated by Salt Lake Comic Con.

Salt Lake Comic Con is a celebration not only of comics, but of reading all kinds of literature and viewing all kinds of movies and TV shows. It celebrates heroes and heroines in fiction and in real life.



The State Library believes this is an opportunity for librarians to connect with patrons in a different way by talking about heroic figures in comics, books, movies, TV shows, and in everyday life.

The State Library is grateful to Salt Lake Comic Con for the generosity in donating the tickets and to librarians for connecting patrons of all ages to an opportunity to explore and discover the diversity of heroes around us.



# New Books in Our Collections

## Book Buzz Collection

Backman, Fredrik. [A Man Called Ove](#).

Atria Books, 2014

Christie, Agatha. [Hallowe'en Party: A Hercule Poirot Mystery](#).

HarperCollins Publishers, 2011

Cooper, Anderson and Gloria Vanderbilt.

[The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son on Life, Love, and Loss](#).

Harper, 2016

Dickens, Charles. [Oliver Twist](#).

Dover Publications, 2002

George, Nina. [The Little Paris Bookshop](#).

Broadway Books, 2016

Kondo, Marie. [The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing](#).

Ten Speed Press, 2014

Lawson, Jenny. [Furiously Happy](#).

[A Funny Book about Horrible Things](#).

Flatiron Books, 2015

McCullough, David. [The Wright Brothers](#).

Simon & Schuster, 2015

McLain, Paula. [Circling the Sun](#).

Ballantine Books, 2016

Setterfield, Diane. [The Thirteenth Tale](#).

Washington Square Press, 2007

Simonson, Helen. [The Summer Before the War](#).

Random House, 2016

Sweeney, Cynthia D'Aprix. [The Nest](#).

Ecco, 2016

Tyler, Anne. [A Spool of Blue Thread](#).

Ballantine Books, 2016

Weiner, Eric. [The Geography of Bliss](#).

Twelve, 2009

Willig, Lauren. [That Summer](#).

St. Martin's Griffin, 2015

## BOOK BUZZ

FOR BOOK GROUPS

[library.utah.gov/book-buzz](http://library.utah.gov/book-buzz)

## Online Book Discussion

Have you ever read an amazing book and then wanted to discuss it with someone else? Have you ever been stuck in a reading rut and needed a way to expand your reading selections? Do you enjoy listening to others talk about books they like (or dislike) and why. If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you should consider joining the USL book discussion group.

Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled sponsors a book group that is open to everyone. Most of the participants live in the state of Utah and are patrons of the Library for the Blind and Disabled.

The book group meets every other month via a telephone conference call. The next meeting will take place November 8th.

For more information, call Paula Stuart at the Utah State Library for the Blind at 801-715-6789 or 800-662-5540.

To Join the Online Book Discussion:

[stateofutah.adobeconnect.com/bookgroup](http://stateofutah.adobeconnect.com/bookgroup)

Speak by phone:

1-877-820-7831, passcode 331626

# How to Register to Vote

Who can vote on November 8? You must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Utah for at least 30 days prior to election day, reside at the address where you are registered to vote, and be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.

To register online, visit [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov).

If your information is out of date, unavailable, or you want to change your party affiliation, you can register or update your information by clicking the "Register to Vote" button. You will need to have a valid Utah driver license or ID card with your correct address. Please allow 24 hours after updating your address before returning to register online.

If you do not have a Utah driver license or Utah ID, please use the Register to Vote by Mail form. Voter registration forms should be sent to your county clerk. All documents must be postmarked 30 days before the election to be registered for the upcoming election.

Do not procrastinate. It is always best to avoid potential problems by registering well in advance

Election Website: [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov)

Vote by Mail Registration: [vote.utah.gov/by-mail](http://vote.utah.gov/by-mail)

Facebook: [facebook.com/utahelections/](https://facebook.com/utahelections/)

Twitter: [@ElectionsUtah](https://twitter.com/ElectionsUtah)

of the deadline. Your Online Voter Registration must be submitted 7 days prior to the upcoming election to be eligible to vote in that election. In order to participate in Early Voting, you need to register 15 days or more prior to the election.



## Registration Dates

Oct. 11: Mail-In Registration Last Day

Nov. 1: In-Person & Online Registration Last Day

Nov. 8: Election Day

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